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Mr. Allen Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

In December 1950 at the request of the Director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Psychological Warfare Division, D/Plans, was designated as the central point of contact for the CIA in all matters of Air Force support, exclusive of intelligence. The selection of that Division as the focal point within the Air Staff for CIA matters was appropriate at that time in order to maintain the proper degree of control and security. However, the present and anticipated future requirements of your Agency have increased to such an extent that a revision of the current procedure is desirable.

A new method of processing CIA requests for USAF support is, therefore, under consideration by this Headquarters. It is believed that this change in administrative procedure will decrease the time required to process actions of a less sensitive nature and will, thereby, permit a more expeditious and efficient discharge of USAF responsibility to support the CIA.

Essentially, the revised procedure under study will expand the present concept of a single point of contact within the Air Staff to permit direct liaison between the CIA and the major Air Staff agencies. However, in order to maintain the high degree of security which has characterized Air Force/CIA relationships in the past, a system of contacts and "special handling" techniques will be incorporated into this revised procedure.

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USAF review(s) completed.

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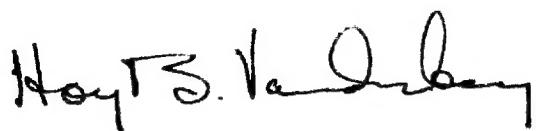
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This change in the existing system for processing CIA requests for USAF support has been discussed with various representatives of the CIA and meets with their informal approval.

If you agree with the requirement and general plan discussed above, I will have the Chief, Psychological Warfare Division, Directorate of Plans, confer with your representatives for the purpose of discussing details associated with this procedural change.

Sincerely,



HOYT S. VANDENBERG
Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

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